

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes  
January 16, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Beth Butler and Mary Brundage  
Absent: Jane Snyder

Motion made to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Roy Henry. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jill Kenrick handed out information from Blackstone about their cemeteries and contact people.

2. Jill Kenrick made spreadsheets for #21 Norden Cemetery and #6 Friends' Cemetery containing the names on the gravestone and relevant information including birth and death dates, family relationships, and stone position.

3. Jill also had a copy of A Graveyard Preservation Primer for the committee to review.

4. Lyn Lovell wants to finish up her part in our cemetery book. She will sit with members of the committee to go over information and review any necessary changes and/or addition of information.

5. Donations as of December 31, 2006  
General Funds: \$1195.00  
Norden \$1010.00

Thank you notes have been sent to all donors.

6. Shelly has asked David Genereaux, Town Finance Director, for year end figures of 2006 for both the Gift Account and the Trust Funds. Shelly has requested a meeting with Mr. Genereaux to discuss our accounts and how they can be invested to make the most money. She will also request information about the Thwing Trust Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mowry Tomb

Chris Cota checked out the sign and reported that it had been run over. He dug a new hole and reset the sign.

2. Aldrich Buxton Cemetery

B.J.'s signed and returned the memorandum of agreement.

Sutton Landscaping worked December 19, 2006 through December 23, 2006. They removed the big trees, scored the stumps to help them rot, rebuilt the stone wall, cleared an access path, stacked the wood, and spread wood chips. They will return in the spring and work on the steps for the walkway.

Public Archaeology Lab (P.A.L.) of Pawtucket, RI had originally marked 35 stones on their map. Using this map, committee members went to the cemetery on Saturday, January 6, 2007, and flagged these stones and found an additional 25 stones. All stones were numbered and marked with green flags.

Shelly contacted P.A.L. and told them we needed an archaeologist to verify our work. P.A.L. wants to do the work. Shelly will follow up with B.J.'s and P.A.L. on cost and payment for work.

Jill Kenrick and Sheryl Romasco are working on finding the original deed for this piece of cemetery property. Jill has gone to Worcester once and traced the information back to the 1880's. Another

trip will needed because there were no reference numbers in the last deed we have.

Preservation Restriction between MA Historical, the Army Corp of Engineers and B. J.'s regarding the Buxton-Aldrich cemetery. The committee reviewed samples of a Preservation Agreement sent by Mass. Historical. We can use this as a guide to making our own agreements. This new document (yet to be created) when signed by all parties will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. It is a formal documentation of the easement that the present property owner and all future owners must abide by.

3. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Police Station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion made by Mary Brundage; seconded by Beth Butler Unanimous.